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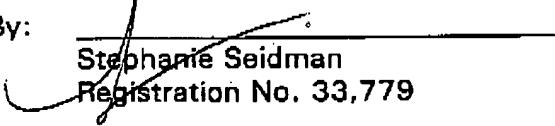
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the
amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 3-23, with the following
paragraph:**

This application is a continuation of allowed U.S. application Serial No.
08/912,133, filed August 14, 1997, to Jerome Lapointe and Duane DeSieno
entitled "METHOD FOR SELECTING MEDICAL AND BIOCHEMICAL
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS USING NEURAL NETWORK-RELATED APPLICATIONS."

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial 08/798,306,
filed February 7, 1997 entitled "METHOD FOR SELECTING MEDICAL AND
BIOCHEMICAL DIAGNOSTIC TESTS USING NEURAL NETWORK-RELATED
APPLICATIONS" to Jerome Lapointe and Duane DeSieno, now abandoned. This
application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial 08/599,275,
filed February 9, 1996, to Jerome Lapointe and Duane DeSieno, entitled